From: Green, Jamie [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

(FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=87F3C708AB614C0AB8F4B553AAC9BD0D-GREEN, JAMIE]

**Sent**: 6/3/2020 7:13:16 PM

To: Moran, Nicole [moran.nicole@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Updates for DeAndre's Biweekly Mtg

Hey Nicole – Something I will try to mention during my bi-weekly with DeAndre tomorrow that he can decide whether to share or if it's too early:

## Ex. 5 DP

From: Green, Jamie

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 1:21 PM **To:** Moran, Nicole <moran.nicole@epa.gov> **Subject:** RE: Updates for DeAndre's Biweekly Mtg

Here you go. Thanks

From: Moran, Nicole <<u>moran.nicole@epa.gov</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Green, Jamie <<u>Green.Jamie@epa.gov</u>>
Subject: Updates for DeAndre's Biweekly Mtg

## Hi Jamie,

I'm working on updating the LCRD Tracker for DeAndre's weekly meeting with Jim and Ed. His meeting is on Friday and so I'd like the following updates by noon tomorrow so I can submit the tracker to the immediate office. The following is what I'm needing updates on.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

 Meeting today with OPP and NE on bee-kills associated with ethanol plant (mentioned in the managers meeting) I facilitated a call today between NDA (Tim Creger) OPP (Tom Steeger), R7 ORC and ECAD to review the history of the ethanol plant in NE in preparation for a call with UNL on Monday of the coming week. UNL has indicated that they have been experiencing bee losses from their bee yard at the Ft Mead Research Facility located 1.5 miles from the ethanol plant. They have expressed some questions about whether the losses could be the result of neonic exposure from the wetcake being stored on the site. Note the facility uses treated seed corn as it's feed stock and processes apprx 15000 lbs of treated seed a day. To our knowledge there is no place to take the wet cake at this point so it is all being stored on the ground at the facility. During the call with UNL, we plan to simply listen and better understand their perspectives and thoughts. OPP will be on the call with UNL.

- MOUs between states and tribes for certification (mentioned in the managers meeting) Have met internally to
  begin a discussion of how to proceed in working with the PBPN and Santee Sioux to revisit very old MOU
  between them and their respective state partners that facilitate coordination and specifically discuss their
  acceptance/recognition of state pesticide applicator certifications. The MOUs are not required and there are
  only these two in the Region. We have until 2022 to finalize them. Will begin discussions with both tribes as
  soon as calls can be arranged.
- Waiting for the results of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Pesticide Bureau pilot program of drive-in C&T certification testing which occurred the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> in response to COVID-19 (this is a previous bullet in the priority tracker) The results from the initial series of these drive-in events were very positive. They worked smoothly and they were able to test a large number of applicators.
- Getting early signs that Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) programs may have funding challenges that could impact their ability to deliver applicator training programs this coming fall. The scope of the challenges is not fully understood and expect additional insights in the next two to three weeks. (this is a previous bullet in the priority tracker). Attempting to schedule a call with the states. Waiting on feedback on suitable dates.

Thanks Jamie, and let me know if you have any questions! Nicole

Nicole Moran US EPA, Region 7 913-551-7641

